



Idaho Falls Beautification Commission

Idaho Falls, ID 83405-0220

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December 16, 2009 — 12:00 p.m.

City Annex Conference Room

380 Constitution Way

Members Present:

Ann Bates, Cheryl Cox, Cory Emery, Pat Fuchs, Matt Hill, Nathan Kennedy, Linda Neeley, Terry Miller, Roxane Mitro, and Sharon Parry.

Members Absent:

Erin Kennedy.

Staff Present:

Brad Cramer, Assistant Director; and Debra Petty, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Modifications to the Agenda:

None.

Minutes: None.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Commission – Brad Cramer:

- A new R&D-1 (Research, Development & Education) zone is being presented to the Commission at the January 5, 2010.
- Due to the number of applications there will be two commission meetings in the month of January.

Historic Preservation Commission

- The commission is continuing to fine tune their 2010 work program.

Shade Tree Committee – Cory Emery:

- The Lindsay Boulevard tree issue was complicated and the aerial photos taken by the City was the proof necessary to show the trees were in place prior to the billboards. Matt Hill and Gerry Bates will present a final report at the next City Council work session.
- Discussed landscaping requirements for the new R&D-1 zone.
- Considered modifications to the sign ordinance for trees and line of sight for signs.
- The committee is making revisions to the Shade Tree Ordinance.
- Brad Cramer is a new staff representative on the committee.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Terry Miller:

- The trees on Lindsay Boulevard will remain.
- The South Tourist Park Boat Ramp is complete and will be available for use next spring.
- A large amount of lava rock was hit while excavating in Ryder Park and increased costs; City Council approved payment of additional costs.
- The Riverfront Development by McNeil is moving to the north and the developer is looking at receiving endowments from other developers who want to participate in the improvements along the river.
- There is a golf rate increase for customers living outside city limits.

- The “Greenbelt Guide”, a foldable pocket-size informational brochure, has been approved for publication and will be distributed by the Chamber of Commerce. Parry noted that 85% of guests staying in hotels along the river did not know about the greenbelt, or the name of the river.

City Council – Sharon Parry:

- Council is considering an amendment to the zoning ordinance for landscaping requirements in the downtown.

Chamber of Commerce – Robb Chiles:

- Awaiting the recommendation on the feasibility study for the location of the new event center.

Olde Fashioned Christmas – Linda Neeley:

Neeley presented an informational brochure for an “Olde Fashioned Christmas and Winter Festivals” December 15 – January 7, at the Museum of Idaho. They have a variety of holiday displays and the event is a great family activity.

Calendar:

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Miller, to approve the 2010 Beautification Calendar with modifications. Motion passed unanimously.

2010 Brochure:

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Fuchs, to approve the 2010 Beautification Award Nomination brochure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Common Code Violations:

Cramer said one of the responsibilities the commission faces when judging a nomination is to make sure there are no code violations. He reviewed the most common as follows:

- No accumulation of garbage, tires, appliances, weeds, etc in the yard.
- Non-functioning or unlicensed vehicles should be located on the property
- Vehicles should not be parked on the lawn or sidewalk.
- Observance of the clear-view of streets, intersections, and driveways
- Proper setbacks and placement of accessory buildings

Business:

- Mitro announced her term is up with the Commission and asked that Cheryl Cox take her place as the Historic Preservation liaison.
- Upon approval by the Commission, Cramer submitted an amendment to Ordinance 2750 to add a voting seat/member from the Chamber of Commerce.
- Parry will arrange to have a student or students at our January meeting who will create the PSA for the Commission.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mitro, seconded by Parry, at 1:30 p.m.

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary